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KGCS and the student broadcast group, the National Broadcasting Society, will produce DVD copies of today's ceremony. Order forms are available on the program tables located at the entrances.

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this program, graduation filing deadlines, printing deadlines and degree audit adjustments can prevent inclusion of graduates' names or may result in publishing names of individuals not completing degree requirements. This program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's official academic or degree status.

PROGRAM

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar
	Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble
National Anthem	Presentation of Colors
	ShowMe GOLD Color Guard
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Alan Marble
	President, Missouri Southern State University
Commencement Speaker	Kelli Hopkins
	Associate Executive Director, Missouri School Boards' Association
Presentation of Class	Dr. Paula Carson
	Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University
Conferring of Graduate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
Master's Hooding	Representatives from Southeast Missouri State University
	Dr. John Groesbeck
	Dean, Robert W. Plaster School of Business, Missouri Southern State University
	Dr. Richard Miller
	Dean, School of Arts & Sciences, Missouri Southern State University

Presentation of Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees

Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
Presentation of Diplomas	Platform Party
Introduction of Degree Candidates	Mr. Steve Smith
	University Relations and Marketing, Missouri Southern State University
Announcement of Academic Honors	Dr. Paula Carson
MSSU Alma Mater (See page 18)	Grace Randolph Vocal Performance, Raymore
Recessional "Sine Nomine"	R.V. Williams & E. Rosenberg Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble
Sign Language Interpreter	Mary Zustiak

Please remain standing until recessional is completed.
Please turn off all cell phones.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Kelli Hopkins is the Associate Executive Director of Board Services for the Missouri School Boards Association.

A 1977 graduate of Webb City High School, Hopkins received her bachelor's degree in education from Missouri Southern in 1982, with an emphasis in speech and drama.

She went on to receive her master of science degree in secondary educational administration in 1994, followed by her juris doctor in 2001 from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

She taught speech, debate and theater at the high-school level for 13 years, nine of those in Webb City. Following completing of her master's degree, she was employed as an assistant junior-high principal for three years.

When she relocated to Columbia, Mo., to attend law school, she served as managing editor for the Journal of Dispute Resolution, and co-authored "Recent Developments in the Uniform Arbitration Act" for the journal.

After graduating from law school, Hopkins served as a staff attorney for the Missouri School Boards Association from 2001-05, and as the association's director of education policy from 2005-08.

She has held her current position since 2008. She also serves as the association's corporate counsel. Her duties include management of the MSBA's board policy, legal and labor departments and reviewing/revising association contracts.

Hopkins has also served as the president of the American Association of State Policy Services, and speaks regularly at state and national conferences on a variety of education-related legal and policy issues.

EMERITUS FACULTY

1973 – 1974

Harry Gockel*
History & Geography

Martha Ann McCormick*
Mathematics

1976 – 1977

Dorothy Stone*
Business Administration

1978 – 1980

Lloyd Dryer*
Psychology
Cleetis Headlee*
English & Philosophy

1980 – 1981

Fred Cinotto*
Administrative Assistant

1983 – 1985

Julie Hughes*
Social Sciences (History)

Grace C. Mitchell*
English & Philosophy

1985 – 1987

Enid Blevins
English & Philosophy

1995 – 1996

Loretta Frazier*
Head Librarian

1999 – 2001

J. Merrell Junkins
Psychology
Gail Renner*
Social Sciences (History)

2002 – 2004

Duane L. Hunt
Theater

Richard Massa
Communication

2008 – 2010

Julio S. Leon
Business

2010 – 2012

Betsy Griffin
Psychology
Virginia Laas
Social Sciences (History)
William Livingston
Mathematics
Melvyn Mosher*
Chemical & Physical Sciences

2011 - 2012

Jim Jackson
Biology & Environmental Health

2012 – 2013

John Messick
Biology & Environmental Health

2013 – 2014

Sam Claussen
Theater

2014 – 2015

Art Saltzman*
English & Philosophy

2015 – 2016

Al Cade*
Teacher Education
Patsy Lipira
Kinesiology

*Deceased

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Henson, Joeseph Allen
Accountancy
Carl Junction

Mather, Jeremy Michael
Accountancy
Jasper

Schwab, Ethan A.
Accountancy
Fort Scott, KS

COOPERATIVE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Missouri Southern State University/Southeast Missouri State University

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Brisson, Jocelyn Anne
Criminal Justice
Joplin

Gray, Stephanie LaRay
Criminal Justice
Brookline

Nickelson, Mindi Ann
Criminal Justice
Farmington

Staats, Danielle Renee
Criminal Justice
Winfield

Evans, Megan Delia
Criminal Justice
Ozark

Jaeger, Kaitlin Joyce
Criminal Justice
Riverton, KS

Russell, Erika Nicole
Criminal Justice
Seymour

Woods, Christopher Wayne
Criminal Justice
Nixa

CANDIDATES FOR HONORS AND DEGREES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Braund, Lindy
Cooley, Aubrey ‡ †
Delgado, Lauren
Heikkila, Hailey ‡

Holman, Stephen ‡
Miller, Cherokee
Mullins, Bethany
Ratliff, Holly †

Roarty, Claire ‡ †
Robertson, Kirsten ‡
Schwab, Ethan ‡
Starks, Alexandra ‡ †

Walker, Dillon ‡ †

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Boyd, Angelina
Brooks, Shawna
Dillahay, Megan
Greer, Molly
Hanna, Kristen †

Housh, Kurt
Jorgensen, Austin
McDonald, Aaron
Mersing, Susan
Murray, Hollie

Myers, Lauren
Nichols, Carlene
Thompson, Richard
Tucker, James
Walker, Jay

Wenzel, Priscilla
Wilcox, Aaron

CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.69

Dotson, Megan
Faircloth, Breanna
Going, Dakota

Miller, Samuel
Parsons, Philip
Polizzi, Nicklas

Richards, Colton
Spencer, Adam
Sullivan, Kaitlin

Tanner, McKayley

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

FIRST HONORS

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Delgado, Lauren Ratliff, Holly

SECOND HONORS

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Mersing, Susan Murray, Hollie

THIRD HONORS

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.69

Sullivan, Kaitlin

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Abrams, June E. Sociology Joplin	Coleman, Matthew Wayne Art-Graphic Webb City	Nesbitt, Donna Marie Sociology Joplin	Springston, Shane Douglas English-Creative Writing Duenweg
Bradley, Zachary Evan Theatre Joplin	Horton, Joshua T. English-Literary Studies Joplin	Payton, Ashley Lynn Art-Visual Neosho	Starks, Alexandra Noelle † International Studies Sugar Land, TX
Brower, Zackery Alan History Joplin	Lechner, Ryan M. International Studies Broken Arrow, OK	Peters, Emily Elizabeth English-Literary Studies Joplin	Turner-Hill, Sarah Elizabeth English-Literary Studies Joplin
Brown, ReGenia Joanne Spanish Carl Junction	Miller, Samuel Lee Spanish Richland	Randolph, Grace Marie Music Raymore	
Case, James N. English-Literary Studies Mount Vernon	Morris, Austin Reed Music Cassville	Shepherd, Jeffrey Alan Christian English-Literary Studies Joplin	

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Ledbetter, Philip David
Fine Arts-Studio
Joplin

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Adams, Christopher David Biology Grove, OK	Berry, Dawn Michelle Criminal Justice Administration, Juvenile Justice Wheaton	Cagle, Shelby R. Criminal Justice Administration Carl Junction	Crum, Christian Sky Sociology Cassville
Arwood, Arlisa Michelle Biology Joplin	Best, Taylor C. Communications- Public Relations Joplin	Cartright, Melynda Ann Criminal Justice Administration, Juvenile Justice Webb City	Cyr, Kaleigh Elise Communications-Mass Carthage
Bates, Jessica Lynn Criminal Justice Administration Oswego, KS	Bratton, Jennifer Ann Sociology Joplin	Cates, Dustin Michael Biology Lockwood	Dancy, Dajuan Demond Communications-Speech St Louis
Bennett, Katheryn Jean Criminal Justice Administration Carthage	Britt, Donna Jean Criminal Justice Administration Bentonville, AR	Clarkson Thominson, AshLeigh Hope Biochemistry, Biology Neosho	Delgado, Lauren Ashley Criminal Justice Administration Overland Park, KS

Dickson, Brian K. Criminal Justice Administration Rogersville	Hamlin, Beau Travis Criminal Justice Administration Galena, KS	Lane, Amber Maurine Criminal Justice Administration Bella Vista, AR	Patel, Dharitri B. Biology Joplin
Duff, Annie Michelle Environmental Health and Safety Joplin	Hanna, Kristen Victoria † Communications-Mass St Louis	Leonard, Aliyah Y. Biology British Virgin Islands	Polizzi, Nicklas Mariano Biochemistry Germany
Dunlap, Joshua A. Communications- Public Relations Joplin	Harris, O'Lyvia Rae Biology Joplin	Leonardi, Eva Sandra Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	Pollock, Joshua Raymond C. Mathematics Baxter Springs, KS
Dykstra, Joshua James Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	Her, Stanley Txawjci Criminal Justice Administration Stella	LoNero, Tania Marie Criminal Justice Administration Arkansas City, KS	Price, Anthony Demonte Criminal Justice Administration Joplin
Earp, John Randall Criminal Justice Administration Lamar	Hernandez, Meghan E. Criminal Justice Administration Galena, KS	Martin, Caitlin Grace Medical Laboratory Science Powell	Ratliff, Holly I. † Criminal Justice Administration /CIS-Computer Forensics Valley Center, KS
Faal, Haddy Biology Gambia	Hill, Blake Alexander Criminal Justice Administration Granby	Martinez, Luis Julian Criminal Justice Administration /CIS-Computer Forensics Carthage	Reece, DeAndre Jermaine Criminal Justice Administration St Louis
Farag, Saif-eldin Samir Biology Webb City	Housh, Kurt Lauer Biochemistry Carthage	Millard, Zachery Allen Criminal Justice Administration Sarcoxie	Restivo, Talia Diane Criminal Justice Administration Carl Junction
Fienen, Bradley Scott Criminal Justice Administration, Juvenile Justice Neosho	Hovis, JeTaime Marie Biology Farmington	Miller, Samuel Lee Biology Richland	Richardson, Michael Parkman Communications- Public Relations Nevada
Fitzpatrick, Alexis Nicole Criminal Justice Administration Cincinnati, OH	Hungerford, Michael William Criminal Justice Administration /CIS-Computer Forensics Springfield	Miller, Victoria Allyson Environmental Health and Safety Olathe, KS	Roarty, Claire Amelia † ‡ Biology Olathe, KS
Gard, Marissa Kalynn Chemistry Fairview, OK	Ivie, Katherine Amelia Criminal Justice Administration Bella Vista, AR	Murray, Hollie Joann Mathematics Monett	Sesay, Gibril Sociology Sierra Leone
Giraldi, Kami Leigh Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	Jarnagin, Lesia Diane Criminal Justice Administration Webb City	Myers, Joshua David Criminal Justice Administration Webb City	Sheets, Luz E. Criminal Justice Administration Joplin
Goodwin, Amy Nicole Criminal Justice Administration Shawnee, KS	Johnson, AnnMarie Sinatra Environmental Health and Safety Webb City	Myers, Lauren Michelle Biology Joplin	Simkins, Brett Everett Computational Math/CIS-Math Mount Vernon
Greer, Molly J. Communications- Public Relations Joplin	Jones, Jeremy David Communication- Public Relations El Dorado Springs	Nesbitt, Brett Aaron Political Science Chanute, KS	Smith, Kalli Elizabeth Chemistry Carl Junction
Hackett, Van Edward Criminal Justice Administration Washburn	Jung, Dae Sung Communications-Mass South Korea	Newby, Dakota Allen Mathematics Webb City	Stewart, Mandi Janelle Criminal Justice Administration Miami, OK
		Northern, Rebeccah Marie Biology Joplin	Sullivan, Kaitlin Marie Criminal Justice Administration Webb City

Taffner, Ashley Renae
Sociology
Wyandotte, OK

Tatum, Chelsea Renee
Biology
Joplin

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Biology
Gravette, AR

Whitman, Mason Scott
Communications-Mass
Granby

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Criminal Justice Administration,
Juvenile Justice
Kansas City

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Biology
Rocky Comfort

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Criminal Justice Administration
Stark City

Young, Julian T.
Juvenile Justice
Raytown

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Carthage

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Wheaton

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Springfield

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Raytown

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General Studies
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Bahamas

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Niangua

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General Studies
Miami, OK

Cavener, Sara Rachel
General Studies
Pensacola, FL

Clay, Wallace Cleveland
General Studies
Owasso, OK

Cobine, John R.
General Studies
Reeds

Daingerfield, DeLinda Rae
General Studies
Pierce City

Dunning, Angela Marie
General Studies
Joplin

Eastin, Joshua Baron
General Studies
Neosho

Ellis, Laramie James
General Studies
Joplin

Fingerhut, Sarah N.
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St Charles

Henderson, Joseph Jerel
General Studies
Rialto, CA

House, Christy Ann
General Studies
Galena, KS

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General Studies
Joplin

Konkol, Kristina Susan
General Studies
Lakewood, CO

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General Studies
Pierce City

LaMarr, Kristen Leigh
General Studies
Joplin

Lathrop, Scott William
General Studies
Warrenton

Manka, Donald Lee
General Studies
Carterville

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General Studies
Pea Ridge, AR

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General Studies
Warrensburg

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Carterville

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General Studies
Carl Junction

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General Studies
Duenweg

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Farmington, AR

Sanders, Laynce Parrish
General Studies
Gadsden, AL

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General Studies
Joplin

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Springfield

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General Studies
Miami, OK

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Springfield

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Industrial Engineering Technology
Lamar

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Logistics
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Industrial Engineering Technology
Noel

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Logistics
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CIS-Information Technology
Neosho

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CIS-Math/Computational Math
Gambia

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CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

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Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Hendrix, Caleb Daniel
CIS-Information Technology
Jerico Springs

Hoffman, Andrew Mark
CIS Math-Computational Math
Joplin

Housh, Shane Clinton
Industrial Engineering Technology
Carthage

Jones, Sarah K.
Industrial Engineering Technology
Oronogo

Killinger, Christopher Don
Economics
Joplin

Liu, Baihe
Economics
China

Morgan, Kaylee Shae
CIS-Computer Forensics/Criminal
Justice Administration
Carthage

Morton, Andrew Todd
Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Nevills, Daniel Erick
CIS-Information Technology
Carthage

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Logistics
Tahlequah, OK

Wilkinson, Alexandra Kathleen
CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

Wilson, Levi Ray
Industrial Engineering Technology
Nevada

Akers, Armonta Rudell
Management
Chicago, IL

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International Business
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Finance
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Management, Human Resource
Management
Joplin

Artym, Brooke Nicole
Management, Human Resource
Management
Webb City

Ball, Marcella Jo
General Business,
Human Resource Management
Rogers, AR

Barnes, Tyler Stephen
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Management, Marketing
Joplin

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Marketing
Parsons, KS

Bowden, Angela D.
Management, Human Resource
Management
Rogers, AR

Brown, Branor Walker
Management
Joplin

Brown, Lucas Neil
Accounting
Berryville, AR

Bunch, Tinika Marie
Human Resource Management
Neosho

Burton, Karen Louise
Management, Human Resource
Management
Diamond

Bussey, Jessica Rae
Management
Neosho

Camacho, Herlinda
Management, Human Resource
Management
Bentonville, AR

Cantrell, Thomas Arthur
General Business
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Management, Human Resource
Management
Ft Worth, TX

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Management, Human Resource
Management
Trafalgar, IN

Cruse, Alfida L.
Finance
St Louis

Dillard Jr., Michael David Marketing Joplin	Jensen, Jaena Michele Management Joplin	McKean, Patrick Omar Management Ballwin	Seaton, Charis L. Human Resource Management Joplin
Dudley, Jonna Nicole Human Resource Management, Marketing Joplin	Jones, Jeremy Jermaine General Business Springdale, AR	Meschelle, Lisa A. Accounting Joplin	Shoemaker, Austin C. Accounting Lebanon
Eads, Victoria Elizabeth Management Neosho	Jung, Jacob Michael Management Carl Junction	Miller, Anthony W. Management Neosho	Simpson, Melody Rose Accounting Joplin
Elliott, Mellisa Alexcia Management British Virgin Islands	Kitch, Natasha Nicole Management, Human Resource Management Joplin	Miller, Katie Elizabeth † † Accounting Webb City	Sitoe Jr., Luis Eduardo Marketing Mozambique
Farmer, Kanisha Nicole Accounting Webb City	Krifka II, John Bruce Management, Human Resource Management Bella Vista, AR	Moore, Joanna Faith Accounting Nevada	Sobbe, Alexander Glenn Management, Human Resource Management Kearney
Flater, Michael Donald Marketing Fort Scott, KS	Krohn, Emileigh May Management Neosho	Newkirk, Jennifer Lee Accounting Webb City	Song, Kunming Accounting China
Hale, Cesilie Hope General Business Miami, OK	Lewing, Connie E. General Business Asbury	Olivarez Jr., Alejandro Management, Human Resource Management Joplin	Testerman, Randi Marketing Bartlett, KS
Hall, Amanda Darlene Accounting Pineville	Li, Jie Accounting China	Petersen, Seth D. Management, Marketing, Human Resource Management Lamar	Thomas, Jayce Alexander Management Blue Springs
Heman, Kyle John Marketing Pierce City	Lin, Qiao Li Finance China	Phillips, Samantha Nichole Marketing Joplin	Turner, Chad Washington Management, Human Resource Management Carthage
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Hieger, Jessica Lynn Management, Human Resource Management Troy	Maddock, Keely Nicole Accounting Duenweg	Prisock, Kyle David Management Joplin	Waldron, Jessica Dawn Accounting Joplin
Hillman, Kierstyn Rachel Management, Marketing, Human Resource Management Aurora	Mahaffey, Marcus Paul Management, Human Resource Management Huntsville, AR	Rawlins, Laken Lashell Marketing Diamond	Weaver, Dylan Alexander Management Riverton, KS
Holt, Klayten Dean Management Cassville	Malhotra, Aditya V. Management, Marketing India	Redfearn, Derrick Edward Management, Human Resource Management Prairie Grove, AR	Westfield, Jr., Anthony Blaine Human Resource Management Neosho
Howerton, Hayley Marie General Business Carthage	Matlack, Whitney Kae Management, Human Resource Management Byron, MN	Reiss, Keith Charles Economics Diamond	Wheeler, Andrew S. Management Grove, OK
Huffaker, Neil Harrison Accounting Joplin	McCullough, Nathan Duane Management, Human Resource Management Oronogo	Riley, Karoline Alice Accounting, Management El Dorado Springs	Xia, Qinghao Accounting, International Business China
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Gambia

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Technology
Joplin

Hendrix, Caleb Daniel
CIS-Information Systems
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Housh, Shane Clinton
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Carthage

Jones, Sarah K.
DDET-Drafting Design Eng Tech,
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Oronogo

Morgan, Kaylee Shae
CIS-Information Systems
Carthage

Morton, Andrew Todd
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Joplin

Nevills, Daniel Erick
CIS-Information Systems
Carthage

Nollner, Curtis Michael
CIS-Information Systems
Joplin

Wilkinson, Alexandra Kathleen
CIS-Information Systems
Joplin

Wilson, Levi Ray
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Nevada

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Flood, Sadie Elizabeth
Psychology
Joplin

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Bradley, Beth Suzanne
Psychology
Taneyville

Bradshaw, Tyler Lee
Psychology
Galena, KS

Cantu, Nathan M.
Psychology
Carthage

Dominguez, Andrea Renae
Health Promotion and Wellness
Grove, OK

Dunbar, MacKenzie Brooke
Psychology
Riverton, KS

Edwards, Amy Suzanne
Psychology
Joplin

Galan, Michelle Lee
Psychology
Miami, OK

John, Ryan P.
Psychology
Angola, NY

Jordan, Lea Ann
Psychology
Joplin

LaCount, Jessica Diane
Psychology
Carl Junction

Morice, Tami Lynn
Psychology
Naperville, IL

Natick, Evin D.
Health Promotion and Wellness
Carol Stream, IL

Pachlhofer, Whitney Paige
Health Promotion and Wellness
Granby

Schmitt, Katie Dawn
Psychology
Carterville

Schuler, Michelle Renee
Psychology
Joplin

Sonntag, Staci Ann
Psychology
Carl Junction

Stillions, Grace Raydeane
Psychology
Anderson

Todd, Halli Jean
Psychology
Necedah, WI

Walker, Jessica Renae
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Welch, Amanda Nicole
Psychology
Grove, OK

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Andler, Janie Ann
Elementary Education/K-12
Special Education
Webb City

Arnold, Elizabeth Ann
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Webb City

Berryhill, Rachel Lynn ‡
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Boman, Denesa MayLorene
Elementary Education-Language Arts
Joplin

Bunch, Jessica Lynn
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Christensen, Mackenzie Nicole †
Secondary Education-English
Seneca

Claar, Brandon Michael
Middle School Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Claar, Cassidy Michelle
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Duenweg

Doyle, Morgan Gabrielle
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Carl Junction

Drew, Bethany Danielle
Elementary Education-Early Childhood
Joplin

Edwards, Taylor Rayne
Elementary Education-Language Arts
Webb City

Fichtner, Darren Glenn
Secondary Education-Business
Joplin

Fuller, Makayla Rose
Middle School Education-Science
Joplin

Gabbard, Savanna Jean
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Gilion, Ashley Taylor ‡
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Neosho

Greninger, Shelly Rene
Secondary Education-English
Duenweg

Hamilton, Kendra Lee †
Elementary Education-Language Arts
Neosho

Harvey, Kaily Irene
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Rocky Comfort

Hobbs, Cody Taylor
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Anderson

Johnson, Tabitha Brooke
Secondary Education-English
Joplin

Kerbs, Cory Evan
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Nevada

Klunk, Lindsey Marie
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Queenstown, MD

Lage, Wynonna Anneliese
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Carthage

Lane, Brittany Paige
Secondary Education-English
Alba

Lane, Hailey Jordan
Middle School Education-Language Arts
Anderson

Lawyer, Jessica Louise
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Madsen-Ellis, Grace Elizabeth
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Carthage

Mahurin, Samantha Denise
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Manes, Haley Nicole
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Nevada

Mann, Derek Lane
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Webb City

Martin, Sophia Katherine
Elementary Education-Language Arts
Fort Scott, KS

McMillen, Kyle Benjamin
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Marionville

Means, Elizabeth Sue Colley
Secondary Education-Social Science/History
LaRussell

Mock, Jennifer Ann
Elementary Education/K-12 Special Education
Joplin

Nelson, Michael Cole
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Tulsa, OK

Nelson, Robin Elizabeth
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Joplin

Nichols, Ricky Ayrton
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Cassville

Oathout, Maggie Lynne
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Webb City

Perryman, Eryn Michele
Elementary Education/K-12 Special Education
Lebanon

Pettit, Zachariah Ethan ‡ †
K-12 Education-Vocal
Webb City

Reagan, Brittani A.
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Bentonville, AR

Richardson, George Edward
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Sangale, Jessica Lynn
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Shephard, Joy M.
Elementary Education/K-12 Special Education
Joplin

Smith, Kyle Edward
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Anderson

Stevenson, Taylor Autumn
Elementary Education-Language Arts
Miami, OK

Summers, Melissa Lynn
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Tatum, Taelur Lauren
Middle School Education-Science
Webb City

Wages, Alexandria Nichole
 Elementary Education-Social Studies
 Ash Grove

Wagner, Kirsten Lynn
 Elementary Education-Early Childhood
 Carthage

Walles, Bethany Morgan
 Elementary Education-Social Studies
 Nevada

Weir, Matthew Ray Dale
 K-12 Education-Instrumental
 Booneville, AR

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Barnett, Ashley Nicole
 Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
 Nixa

Graves, Payton Danielle
 Health Science-Business Life
 Springfield

Neher, Staci D.
 Health Science-Paramedic
 Jasper

Beasley, Kayla Renae
 Health Science-Dental Hygiene
 Columbia

Greenough, Sara Lynn
 Health Science-Business Life
 Parsons, KS

Nolan, Chad Nicholas
 Health Science-Business Life
 Menifee, CA

Boyd, Sandra Lynn
 Health Science-Business Life
 Joplin

Hang, Chue
 Health Science-Business Life
 Purdy

Peacock, Rose Corine ‡
 Health Science-Business Life
 Neosho

Carpenter, Chance Wayne
 Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
 Liberty

Harris, Kaitlyn Marie
 Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
 Jackson

Prochnow, Shelby Marie
 Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
 Republic

Cave, Chelsea Lane ‡
 Health Science-Radiologic Technology
 Springfield

Jones, Dawn M.
 Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
 Joplin

Reavis, Heather Michelle
 Health Science-Radiologic Technology
 Crane

Elliott, Grace Rebecca
 Health Science-Business Life
 Webb City

Lundstrom, Emily Rose
 Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
 Willard

Robertson, Robbin Melyssa
 Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
 Joplin

Foley, Cassie J.
 Health Science-Business Life
 Joplin

McWhorter, Brittani Jo
 Health Science-Business Life
 Duchesne, UT

Scharenberg, Hali Brook
 Health Science
 Fort Scott, KS

Gaither, Sydni Alekzandrya
 Health Science-Dental Hygiene
 Lillington, NC

Medsker, Heather Leeann
 Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
 O'Fallon, IL

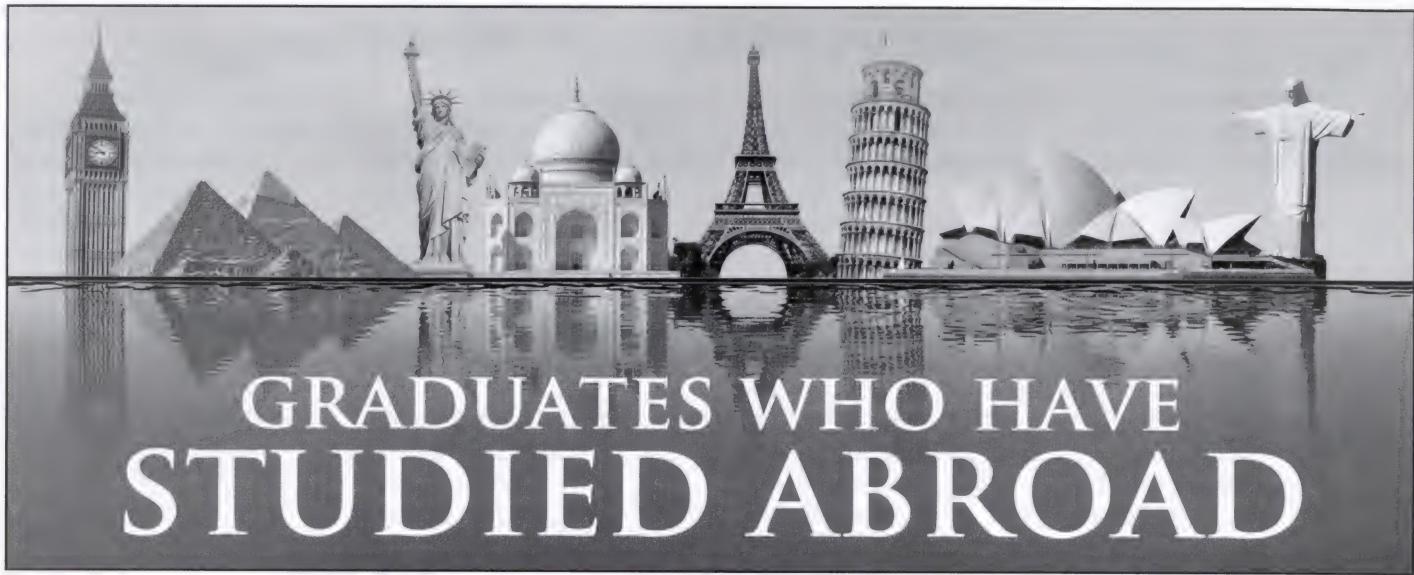
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 Health Science-Business Life
 Joplin

Gardner, Rochelle Lynn
 Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
 Lamar

Mengwasser, Adelene C.
 Health Science-Paramedic
 Joplin

Garfield, Ciara Morgan
 Health Science-Business Life
 Lamar

Mercer, Lindsey Suzanne
 Health Science-Dental Hygiene
 Sikeston



GRADUATES WHO HAVE STUDIED ABROAD

As provided by the Institute of International Studies.

Students who received MSSU academic credit for studying abroad through an MSSU-sponsored or recognized program are wearing a sash today representing the country or countries where they studied. Since 1995, MSSU has sent more than 3,100 students abroad to reflect its statewide mission in global education.

Akers, Armonta
Ghana

Aldridge, Megan
Germany

Aleckson, Joshua
Ghana

Arnold, Elizabeth
Sweden

Baker, Lauden
Canada

Bastings, Dakota
Ecuador, Germany

Cavener, Sara
Italy

Christensen, Mackenzie
Belize, Canada, France,
United Kingdom

Coffin, Rin
Japan

Dibba, Aji
France

Eldred, Bennet
Japan

Fuller, Makayla
Ecuador

Gabbard, Savanna
Belize

Gray, Lindsey
France

Guzman, Sonia
France, Switzerland

Hamilton, Kendra
Belize, Ireland

Haymore, Amara
Ghana

Hendrix, Caleb
Belize

Hillman, Kierstyn
France, Spain

Isaac, Caitlin
France

John, Ryan
Belize

Mahaffey, Marcus
Italy

Mahurin, Samantha
Belize

Martin, Sophia
Belize

Miller, Katie
France, Spain

Nat, Katherine
Spain

Pachlhofer, Whitney
Belize, Czech Republic,
Denmark, Poland

Pettit, Zachariah
Ireland, Italy

Prisock, Kyle
France, Spain

Reddy, Nicholas
Ireland

Suso, Kuta
Belize

Triplett, William
France, United Kingdom

Varner, Amber
United Kingdom

Weir, Matthew
Belize

Wells, Danielle
United Kingdom

Whetstone, Callie
Belize

POINTS OF PRIDE

Three officers commissioned through Show-Me Gold program



Three members of the Show-Me-Gold officer training program at Missouri Southern are now wearing the single gold bars of second lieutenants in the Missouri National Guard.

Nathan Skaggs, Carl Junction; Quinn Hobbs, Neosho; and Brandon Walker, Webb City, attended Officer Candidate School (OCS) during the summer at Fort Meade in South Dakota. They were officially commissioned as officers in a ceremony on Sept. 10 at the Missouri State Capitol building in Jefferson City.

Each of the three earned special recognition during the ceremony. Skaggs was the recipient of the Neilson Rudd Award, selected by his peers. Walker received the Staff Award, which was chosen by the cadre. Hobbs received the Tactical Tiger Award for the highest score on the tactics exam and FLER.

"We're very proud of their achievement," says Capt. Chase Phillips, professor of military science at Missouri Southern.

The Show-Me Gold program has now produced four commissioned officers. The first – Josh Turner – graduated in May.

Officer Candidate School involves two months of intensive training and evaluation on leadership skills, learning and decision-making.

Smith named regional vice president for PBL



Emmalee Smith, a junior marketing and management major from Carthage, has been elected to serve as the vice president for the North Central Region of Phi Beta Lambda.

The PBL club is the collegiate equivalent of Future Business Leaders of America – an educational association of post-secondary student members preparing for careers in business. The election took place during the PBL National Leadership Conference held during the summer in Atlanta, Ga.

"This is the 75th year for FBLA-PBL, so my slogan was 'Emmalee Smith in the 75th.' The color theme went along with the organization's colors – blue and gold," she said. My speech and campaign revolved around their three pillars – service, education and progress. I'm very passionate about the organization."

As vice president for the North Central Region, she will serve as the primary student liaison between the national organization and chapters in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Geography lab unveiled along with new major

The addition of a geography lab is helping to put the new major on the map at Missouri Southern.

The creation of the lab is a result of a minor degree growing into a larger program, said Steve Smith, professor of geography. After being approved by the state last year, 2016-17 is the first year for geography to be offered as a major.

"Geography and spatial science are among the top 25 job fields in the United States right now," said Smith. "What we wanted was essentially an interactive classroom environment ... a space that accommodates a bank of computers and space for lab classes and traditional lectures."

"A decision was made to combine two rooms on the second floor of Webster Hall. The wall was taken down and we put in a dual-projection system, topographic maps, globes and new carpeting. The idea was to create a space that's visually interesting, and more than just a traditional classroom."

Mansion added to National Historic Register



A dedication ceremony in honor of the Lucius P. Buchanan mansion's addition to the National Register of Historic Places was held Oct. 21, at the Missouri Southern Alumni Center.

Built in 1926 by Lucius P. "Buck" Buchanan, a wealthy mining developer, the mansion was constructed with a Spanish motif. It was reportedly inspired by a house he saw in Puerto Rico. After Buchanan's death in 1939, it was purchased by Frank C. and Juanita Wallower.

In 1964, the land and buildings upon it were purchased by the Jasper County Junior College District. The 320-acre Missouri Southern State College campus opened in 1967, with the residence housing classrooms and offices.

In 2004, a project began to renovate the mansion, which had fallen into disrepair. The oldest building on campus became the Ralph L. Gray Alumni Center and the permanent home of the MSSU Alumni Association.

"To have this designation for Missouri Southern and Joplin is an amazing accomplishment," said Lee Elliff Pound, director of the Alumni Association. "Not everyone has the chance to work in such a gorgeous facility with such rich history, and be able to call their workplace home."

ALMA MATER

Words by Mary Laird,
Class of '39

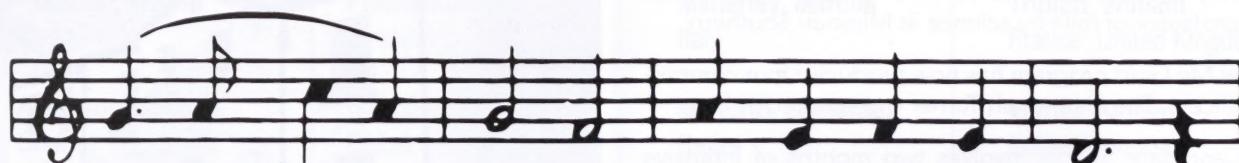
Music by Emerson Jackson,
Class of '39



Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.



Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE AND REGALIA CORDS

As early as the 12th century, the first modern universities – at Bologna and Paris – were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

Brown: Fine Arts • **Crimson:** Journalism • **Dark Blue:** Philosophy • **Golden Yellow:** Science

Lemon Yellow: Library Science • **Light Blue:** Education • **Pink:** Music

Purple: Law • **Sage Green:** Physical Education • **Scarlet:** Theology • **White:** Arts, Letters, Humanities

Yellow Brown: Commerce, Business, Accountancy

Regalia Cords

Alpha Chi: Gold • **Veteran's:** Red, White, and Blue • **Honors Program:** Green • **Athletics:** Green and Gold

Alpha Psi Omega Honor Society: Antique Gold and Light Blue

Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Sigma Phi Alpha: Purple and Gold

Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma: Blue and Gold

Respiratory Therapy Honor Society, Lambda Beta: Navy Blue and Green

National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa: Braided blue, black and white

International Honor Society in Business, Delta Mu Delta: Braided gold and purple

National Physics Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma: Dark Green and White

Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi: Purple and Green

International Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi: Braided Platinum and Dark Blue

National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta: Blood Red and Sky Blue

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's degrees. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:



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